(b) and (c) Such visitors do not give any reports to the Government. However, it is felt that they have been able to get a better understanding of the real situation in the State, which has also helped to expose the dis-information and propaganda compaign conducted by Pakistan and other vested interests, in an attempt to internationalise the issue and promote violence and secessionist activities on the ground. Apart from increased transparency, intense efforts have been made at the Government and diplomatic level to counter the propaganda war launched by Pakistan, while maintaining sustained pressure on the militants in the State to contain violence and create confidence among the people.

Setback in Jammu due to Resignation of Poll Officials

2594. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the election process initiated by Government in the State of Jammu and Kashmir has suffered a setback with the resignation of poll officials;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for resignation of the poll officers; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government for the completion of the election process in the State of Jammu and Kashmir ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) There have been no resignations by any poll officials in Jammu & Kashmir.

(b) In view of (a), does not arise.

(c) Government are making efforts to promote conditions conductive to normalisation and restoration of the democratic process and institutions in Jammu and Kashmir. Towards this end, steps are being taken to accelerate development works by securing people's participation, re-invigorate the local administration and enhance the cooperation and confidence of the people in the administration. With a view to proceeding towards the democractic process, work on delimitation of constituencies is being done and revision of electroral rolls has also been undertaken by the Election Commission.

Militant Activities in Doda

2595. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Doda in Jammu Region is still not a peaceful area;

(b) whether it is also a fact militants killed a local BJP leader on 6th June, 1994;

(c) whether it is also a fact that militants action plan is to force the minority community (Hindu) to migrate from Doda Region; and

(d) what action Government have taken to safeguard the interest of minority ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) to (d) The situation in Doda is under control. The militants have tried to spread the arc of violence into the district and other parts of the Jammu region, and also to create communal tensions in the area. A local B.J.P. leader of Bhaderwah was killed by the millitants on 7th June 1994. The Government is alive to the situation, and is taking all necessary steps to contain the activities of the terrorists and frustrate their designs, and to create a sense of security and confidence among the people, including members of the minority community. The presence of security forces has been augmented, particularly in the sensitive, vulnerable and far-flung areas, anti-terrorist operations have been stepped up, ex-servicemen have been recruited to strengthen the local police, and patrolling and vigilance on the LOC has been further intensified.

कश्मीरियों का पुनर्वास

2596. **श्रीमती आनन्दीबेन जेठाभाई पटेल :** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि केन्द्रीय गृह मंत्री ने 21 मार्च, 1994 को जम्मू और कश्मीर के विकास के संबंध में जम्मू और कश्मीर के विभिन्न मंत्रालयों के साथ एक बैठक की थी ।

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने उस बैठक में कश्मीर से आए कश्मीरियों के वहां पुनर्वास के लिए कोई योजना तैयार की थी, यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और